



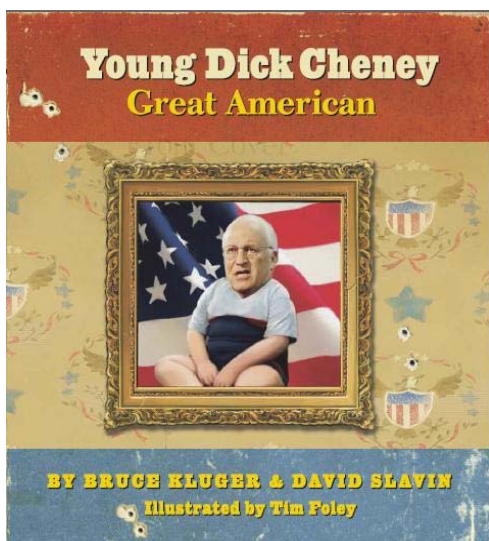
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Shotguns! Oil! Torture! Dirty Student Council Politics!
AlterNet Books announces the controversial publication of
“Young Dick Cheney: Great American”
Explosive new faux Young Reader’s biography (for adults) blows lid
off previously unreported youth of American Vice President!



He was born among the big skies and cow pies of the Great American West. And yet he would grow to become the most famous, most powerful Dick ever to inhabit the Vice Presidency.

AlterNet Books, the new publishing division from legendary news-and-politics web site, AlterNet.org, is proud to release its much-anticipated (and already controversial!) first book, *Young Dick Cheney: Great American*.

In this often shocking, frequently touching, clearly unauthorized Young Readers’ biography (written for adults), faux journalists **Bruce Kluger and David Slavin** (National Public Radio, Salon.com, *Los Angeles Times*, The Huffington Post) reveal the inspiring and sometimes even true story of Richard B. Cheney—frontiersman, freedom fighter, fatty.

Meticulously reported (including a footnote!) and riotously illustrated by renegade artist **Tim Foley** (*The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron’s*, *Highlights*), this unprecedented, spell-checked triumph of painstaking conjecture brings to life the Dick nobody knows: a secretive, yet sensitive child from Wyoming with a shoot-from-the-hip, shoot-in-the-face style all his own. From his mischievous boyhood friendships, to his high-octane high school romance with the one girl who knew what made Dick tick, *Young Dick Cheney: Great American* is destined to be cherished by patriots and Democrats alike—a book that will captivate readers everywhere for months to come.

Prepare to be shocked...and *awed*! Here are just a few of the previously unreported bombshells uncovered in *Young Dick Cheney: Great American*.

- ❖ The first person Dick ever shot in the face—on Christmas morning, no less!
- ❖ The “magical elixir” that led to Dick’s first heart attack—at the age of four!
- ❖ Dick’s friendships with neighborhood pals “Donny” and “Scooter,” and their devotion to wholesome, all-American boyhood fun—from fishing to hiking to waterboarding!
- ❖ The heartwarming tale of Dick’s romance with the first (and last) girl he ever noticed—Wyoming belle Lynne Vincent—and the scandalous revelations of her pre-adolescent cosmetic surgery, her (extremely close) girlhood friendships, and her natural born talent for penning frontier-era erotica.
- ❖ Dick’s first election to student body Vice President, and how he used his deft puppetry skills to call the shots!



For more information, please click onto www.AlterNet.org/YoungDickCheney



Advance Praise for *Young Dick Cheney: Great American*

“At last, as Bush/Cheney staggers toward its final throes, here comes a book that pries back the door on our secretive Vice President and delivers a double-barreled blast of satiric buckshot. I predict Kluger and Slavin will be greeted as liberators!”

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“This book is a hoot, a big hoot—a page-turner and a side-splitter that is so irreverent, its authors will undoubtedly soon be in the Witness Protection Program. Hide this book, read it alone in the dark—and fall down laughing!” —**Phil Donahue**, talk show pioneer

“This is a funny book. (I mean, I’m not going to say it’s the funniest thing in the world. That I reserve for my own work.)” —**Mel Brooks**, comic legend

“A must-have item for spring-break!”—**Daily Kos**

“Bring it with you to Gitmo.” —**Keith Olbermann**, MSNBC’s *Countdown With Keith Olbermann*

“If you’ve spent the last eight years gagging on Vice President Cheney and his hijinks, this should take the bad taste out of your mouth.” —**Lewis Black**, Comedy Central’s *Root Of All Evil*

About the Authors

Bruce Kluger and **David Slavin** (authors) began writing and producing satire for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* in 2002. Their cultural and political commentary has appeared in countless publications across the country, including *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and dozens of newspapers in the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service. Their work is also featured prominently on the Internet, on such popular sites as The Huffington Post, where they are invited bloggers, and Salon.com, which published their acclaimed "Memo to George" series. Both are married, both have two daughters and both live in New York City. *Young Dick Cheney: Great American* is their first book.

Tim Foley (illustrator) is an artist whose work is regularly featured in magazines and newspapers across the country and around the world. His illustrations have appeared in financial publications such as *The Wall Street Journal* and *Barron's*, as well as in the children's magazines *Cricket* and *Highlights*. He lives and works covertly in the Republican stronghold of West Michigan.

About AlterNet

AlterNet (www.AlterNet.org) is an award-winning news magazine and online community that creates original journalism and amplifies the best of dozens of other independent media sources. Its mission is to inspire citizen action and advocacy on the environment, human rights and civil liberties, social justice, media, and health care issues. AlterNet's editorial mix underscores a commitment to fairness, equity and global stewardship, and making connections across generational, ethnic and issue lines. Its aim is to stimulate, motivate, and engage. AlterNet has won two Webby Awards for Best Web Magazine and several Independent Press Awards for online political coverage. AlterNet was also named one of National Public Radio's five "Winners on the Internet."

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AlterNet Books, which is being launched with *Young Dick Cheney: Great American*, is a source of provocative thinking and high-quality writing. This book will be followed by *Shock Jocks: America's Talk Radio Problem* and *Water Consciousness*, both available in the spring of 2008, and followed by an innovative book on immigration slated for early fall.